

The
Crow's Nest
Pass Coal
Company
Limited



Twenty-Seventh
Annual Report
1923



The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company Limited

Capital Stock (Authorized)	\$10,000,000.00
Capital Stock (Subscribed)	6,212,666.66
Capital Stock (Paid Up)	6,212,666.66

Company's Head Office
Fernie, B.C.

Stock Transfer Office
Toronto General Trusts Corporation
83 Bay Street, Toronto

Registrar
National Trust Company, Limited, Toronto

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 1924.

PRESIDENT

W. R. Wilson

General Manager, The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, Ltd.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

H. B. McGiverin

Messrs. McGiverin, Haydon & Ebbs, Barristers, Ottawa.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

A. H. MacNeill, K.C.

Vancouver, B.C.

DIRECTORS

W. H. Robinson

Vice President, Granby Consolidated M. S. & P. Co.,
Granby, P.Q.

Dr. G. W. Howland

Toronto

Ellis P. Earle

President, Nipissing Mines Co. and Georgia Peruvian Ochre Co.
Director, Chatham and Phoenix National Bank, N.Y. and
Vice President, Granby Consolidated M. S. & P. Co.,
New York, N.Y.

James T. Maher

Right-of-Way, Land and Tax Commissioner,
Great Northern Railway Company, St. Paul, Minn.

James F. Edgar

Barrister, Toronto.

L. C. Gilman

Barrister, Seattle.

OFFICERS

Treasurer.....	A. A. Klauer
Comptroller.....	Geo. H. Hess, Jr.
Secretary.....	J. S. Irvine
Auditors.....	Messrs. Welch, Campbell & Lawless, Chartered Accountants.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Twenty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the Shareholders

On the 11th day of July, 1924, the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company was held, pursuant to Notice, at the Head Office of the Company, Fernie, B.C., at 2.30 p.m.

The following Shareholders were present, representing 74% of the Stock:—

In Person and By Proxy—

J. F. Edgar.	Mrs. Edith Kelher.
L. C. Gilman.	G. G. S. Lindsey Estate.
W. R. Wilson.	Wanda C. Lindsey.
Dr. G. W. Howland.	Margaret Laurie.
A. Klauer.	Ellen Laughery.
A. H. MacNeill.	Frederick Richard Martin.
J. T. Maher.	D. Campbell Meyers.
Thomas Ogilvie Anderson	Frank E. Maulson.
John Adam & Son.	Oliver R. Macklim.
Norman Ainley.	Mary F. Mason.
Geo. A. Anderson.	H. B. McGiverin.
H. T. Baily.	Wm. McFarren.
Jules E. H. Barth.	Jane McAndrew.
Duncan Steele Curry.	Geo. G. MacDonald.
Sir R. J. Cartwright Estate.	William E. McKeough.
Eliza A. Clinch.	E. T. Nichols.
Myrtle M. Ellis.	Dudley Northall-Laurie.
Katharine Beatrice Evans.	W. T. Payne.
E. P. Earle.	W. Parrott.
William Wilkie Edgar.	Llewellyn Purdom.
Maud C. Edgar.	A. E. Parrot..
Ruby T. Edgar.	W. H. Robinson.
Catherine O. Elwell.	William T. Rasmus.
Elizabeth Folingsby.	Jennes Brock Richardson.
Granby Cons. M.S. & P. Co.	Alfred Rogers.

Emily H. Gemmill.
Charles B. Gudebrod.
D. H. Gunn.
Gertrude Hill Gavin.
Norman A. Gunn.
W. H. Goadby.
W. H. Goadby & Co.
Richard Temple Godman.
Lillie E. Gouinlock.
H. J. Gardiner.
William Hanson.
Francis Ellen Hunter.
Charles Plummer Hill.
Harris L. Hees.
Louis W. Hill.
Walter J. Hill.
Mark H. Irish.
Beverley Jones.
Elizabeth Kirvan.
Elizabeth C. Kelley.
L. M. Kelley.
Rosedale Securities Ltd.

Henry Swan.
James H. Swan.
E. P. Sheldon.
Jessie L. Sparks.
J. P. Steedman.
Helena M. Schickendantz.
John Stark & Co.
R. R. Simpson.
James Strachan.
Violet A. Seaman.
R. B. Strasburger.
Nicholas Terhune.
Ida May Vanstone.
Selena J. Vanstone.
Ida L. Williams.
Margaret Woods.
H. G. Wynes.
Thos. Henry Whitehead.
P. C. Walker Estate.
Clara H. Williams.
William Young.

On motion, Mr. Wilson was requested to take the Chair, and Mr. Irvine to act as Secretary.

The Secretary read the Notice calling the meeting for the 11th day of July, 1924, at 2.30 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Maher, seconded by Mr. MacNeill, the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting, held on the 8th day of June, 1923, were taken as read.

On motion of Mr. Gilman, seconded by Mr. Maher, the Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Directors, and the accompanying Financial Statement, were taken as read.

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1923.

To The Shareholders—

Your Directors for the year of 1923 respectfully submit their Twenty-seventh Annual Report, showing statement of the Company's Assets and Liabilities on the 31st day of December, 1923, accompanied by figures which show the Profit and Loss Account for the year ending on that date.

The operative returns from the subsidiary Company, The Crow's Nest Pass Electric Light and Power Company, Limited, were \$9,695.25, and The Morrissey, Fernie & Michel Railway Company, \$14,033.29, and in each case the earnings have been carried to reserve for depreciation. In addition to the preceding two items of earnings, there has been carried over from the Morrissey, Fernie & Michel Railway Company, \$148.79 from the Liability Insurance Adjustment, which makes a total of \$23,877.33, earnings for these two Companies, turned over to depreciation charges for the year.

During the year, the Coal Company has spent on Capital Improvement, \$59,194.33; the Railway Company, \$335.20.

The Coal mined during the year amounted to 775,336.17 tons; Coke production 65,990.07 tons; the improvement in production during the year of 1923 over the year of 1922 being accounted for by the year's operations being free from labor troubles.

All of which we respectfully submit:

W. R. WILSON,

President.

Fernie, B.C., July 11th, 1924.

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31st, 1923.

Assets.

Cash on hand and in Banks	\$ 410,229.25	
Cash in Home Bank (In liquidation).....	39,997.01	
Accounts Receivable	402,901.18	
Inventories-Coal, Coke, Stores, etc.	191,078.30	
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Securities and Shares owned	1,678,936.28	
Unexpired Insurance ..	15,045.95	
Mines, Real Estate, Plant & Equipment	6,602,549.41	
Less: Reserve for De- pletion & Depreciat'n	2,791,271.83	
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		\$6,549,465.55

Liabilities

Accounts Payable ..	116,066.21	
Provision for 1923 Fed- eral Income Taxes ..	52,159.67	
Contingent Liability Reserve	154,297.07	
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		6,226,942.60
Capital Stock paid up .	6,212,666.66	
Surplus Account	14,275.94	
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Fernie, B.C., July 11th, 1924.	A. A. Klauer, Treasurer.
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PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT

Year Ended December 31st, 1923.

Balance at DEBIT January 1st, 1923		\$ 94,874.34
Less: Adjustment of 1922 Liability Insurance		823.53
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		94,050.81
Profit: Lands, Timber Operations and other Sources.....	61,497.27	
Profit: Coke & Coal Operations	471,679.15	
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		\$439,125.61
Less: Provision for 1923 Federal Income Tax		52,159.67
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		386,965.94
Dividend No. 57, paid March 1st	93,172.50	
Dividend No. 58, paid June 1st	93,172.50	
Dividend No. 59, paid Sept. 1st	93,172.50	
Dividend No. 60, paid Dec. 1st	93,172.50	
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Balance at CREDIT December 31st, 1923		14,275.94
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Fernie, B.C., July 11th, 1924.

A. A. Klauer,
Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT AND CERTIFICATE

**To the Shareholders of
The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, Limited,
Ferne, B.C.**

We Certify that we have audited the books and accounts of your Company for the year ending December 31st, 1923, and, subject to any loss that may be sustained on realization from Home Bank Balance, that the appended Balance Sheet is, in our opinion, so drawn as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Company's position as at that date and as shown by the books.

We further certify that all our requirements as Auditors have been fully complied with.

Respectfully submitted,

Welch, Campbell & Lawless,
Chartered Accountants.

Toronto, Ont., March 6th, 1924.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

In moving the adoption of the Report, I may take the liberty of reciting that at the Company Annual Meeting last year I stated that after five months of contention about the wages that should be paid for Mine Labor in this District, a temporary understanding was arrived at between the United Mine Workers of America and the Operators of the District, to continue paying the 1921 high wage scale until March 31st, 1924. This understanding was carried out in the belief of the Operators that at the expiration of the Agreement on March 31st, 1924, the leaders of the Miners' Organization would realize the necessity for agreeing to that form of adjustment in Coal Mining Wages, that would make it consistently possible for the industry to be carried on in a manner relevant to the claims and requirements of other basic industries, and transportation necessities, and thereby, in their foresight, help to do that which would both preserve the welfare of their own industry and help at the same time to foster, stimulate and encourage the transportation systems of the country to continue using coal as a motive force, instead of forcing such systems to use oils, and permanently plan for the use of electrical service power where it is possible to use such power.

I am sorry to state that at this time, or some thirteen weeks after the expiration of the agreement, as herein referred to, those responsible for the Union leadership and guidance of the men employed at the Coal Mines of the District, have not seen their way clear to give anything like deserving recognition to the claims or fundamentals that all claims for wages must naturally rest upon if industry in any form must prosper and continue to succeed.

I will now make a brief reference to the operations of 1923:

The Coal Production for the year was....775,336.17 tons
The Coke Production for the year was.... 65,990.07 tons

The Total days worked at the Mines for the foregoing production was:

Coal Creek209 days
Michel Mines252 days

The Coke Ovens at Fernie did not operate during the year; coke production all coming from Michel Ovens

Relevant to the foregoing production the following classifications and amounts of development work were done during the year:

Coal Creek Mines, narrow work driven....30,045 lineal feet
Michel Mines, narrow work driven17,105 lineal feet
Total feet of coal development driven....47,150 lineal feet

The preceding figures indicating the developing work done during the year fully maintains the producing capacity of the mines at both Camps for the year of 1924. During the year we have, by the completion of two rock tunnels, developed No. 2 Coal Seam which lies about eighty feet above the top No. 3 Seam on the South Side of the Creek at Michel, which bed of coal is about seven feet thick, and may be regarded as a good general coal suitable for Domestic Service, for Steam Service and a good coking coal. Some 2920 feet of development work has been done in this Coal Seam during the year, thereby proving that the physical merits of the coal are adaptable to the purposes mentioned. The seam is now developed to a sufficient extent to produce 250 tons of coal per day, which production may, if the necessity arises for doing so, be increased each succeeding month at the rate of 50 tons per day, or at the end of six months steady operation the production of this new mine may be raised to 550 tons per day. During the year our old permanent markets to the South of the Line have steadily depreciated through the high prices we have been compelled to charge for coal, through our continuing to pay high war time wages. Railroads, our chief consumers, are resorting more and more to the use of Oil on account of the high cost of coal, and other local consumers of coal in the markets to the South are securing their supplies from mines that are operating at wages from 25 per cent to 40 per cent less than we have been paying here.

I beg to move the adoption of the Report.

Mr. Maher seconded the motion.

An opportunity was then given for discussion, after which the motion to adopt the Report was put to the meeting, and carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Gilman, seconded by Mr. Maher, that all actions of the Board of Directors and Officers of the Company during the past year, and up to June 30, 1924, in so far as they appear of record, be and the same are hereby approved. (Carried.)

It was moved by Mr. Maher, seconded by Mr. MacNeill, that the firm of Messrs. Welch, Campbell & Lawless, Chartered Accountants, of Toronto, be appointed Auditors of the Company for the ensuing year. (Carried.)

It was moved by Mr. Edgar, seconded by Mr. Gilman, that the thanks of the Shareholders are due and are hereby tendered to the Officers, Staff and Employees of the Company, for their zeal and effective service in the interest of the Company during the past year.

It was moved by Mr. Maher, seconded by Mr. Gilman, that Mr. Irvine and Mr. Klauer be appointed Scrutineers for the election of Directors. (Carried.)

It was moved by Mr. Maher, seconded by Mr. MacNeill, that the following gentlemen be nominated as Directors of the Company for the ensuing year: Mr. W. R. Wilson, Mr. H. B. McGiverin, Mr. W. H. Robinson, Mr. Ellis P. Earle, Dr. G. W. Howland, Mr. A. H. MacNeill, Mr. James T. Maher, Mr. James F. Edgar and Mr. L. C. Gilman.

It was moved by Mr. Gilman, seconded by Mr. Maher, that the Chairman cast one ballot on behalf of the Shareholders and in favor of the gentlemen nominated as Directors of the Company for the ensuing year. (Carried.)

The Scrutineers reported the gentlemen nominated as having been duly elected Directors of the Company for the ensuing year.

The meeting then adjourned.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors, the following Officers were elected:—

President and General Manager.....	Mr. W. R. Wilson
First Vice President.....	Mr. H. B. McGiverin
Second Vice President.....	A. H. MacNeill, K.C.
Treasurer.....	Mr. A. A. Klauer
Comptroller.....	Mr. Geo. H. Hess, Jr.
Secretary.....	Mr. J. S. Irvine



